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GEORGE J. FOSTER & Co.  
Dover, N. H.  
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## TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

EVERETT B. SACKETT

Selectmen

GEORGE A. BENNETT, 1955

ROBERT L. KENISTON, 1956

R. CARL SANDERS, 1957

Treasurer

FLORENCE F. CALDWELL

Collector of Taxes

INEZ E. BENNETT

Town Clerk

ANNIE B. PIPER

Supervisors

JOHN W. CONLON

HERMAN RANDALL

GEORGE B. HILL

Trustees of Trust Funds

FRANK I. CALDWELL, 1955

GEORGE A. BENNETT, 1956

WALTER W. PLUMMER, 1957

Library Trustees

MARGARET V. ANGELL, 1955

ETHEL D. THOMPSON, 1956

FLORENCE F. CALDWELL, 1957

Highway Agent

HERMAN B. KENISTON

Librarian  
ELIZABETH GEORGE

Health  
GILMAN MENTER

Police  
GILMAN MENTER

Dog Constable  
GILMAN MENTER

Fire Warden  
GEORGE A. BENNETT  
Tel. 327-4, Newmarket, N. H.

Deputy Wardens  
LLOYD STEVENS  
Tel. 56-2, Newmarket, N. H.

ROBERT L. KENISTON  
Tel. 56-12, Newmarket, N. H.

R. CARL SANDERS  
Tel. 61-14, Newmarket, N. H.

FRANK I. CALDWELL  
Tel. 1654-13, Dover, N. H.

AARON W. CHADBOURNE, JR.  
Tel. 54-13, Newmarket, N. H.

Fire Chief  
LLOYD STEVENS  
Tel. 56-2, Newmarket, N. H.

# TOWN WARRANT

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Lee, in the County of Strafford in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs: (L. S.)*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Lee on Tuesday, the eighth day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance of highways.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for fire protection.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand two hundred dollars (\$2,200.00) for Old Age Assistance and Relief.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for Lee Hook Road. The State to contribute three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00).

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) for the control of White Pine Blister Rust for the year 1955.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appro-

priate the sum of four hundred fifty-four dollars and fifty-three cents (\$454.53) for the construction of Class V highways under the provisions of the T. R. A., so called. The State will contribute the sum of three thousand thirty dollars and twenty-three cents (\$3,030.23).

9. To see if the Town will vote to replace the bridge over Little River, on Cartland Road, with State Bridge Aid, and make appropriation for same.

10. To see if the Town will vote to use the surplus for hurricane and wind damage.

11. To raise and appropriate for the economic advancement of the Town through publicity and promotional services of the Seacoast Regional Development Association, in cooperation with other regional communities, a sum not exceeding one one-hundredth of one percent of assessed valuation, namely fifty-five dollars (\$55.00).

12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to sell property acquired from tax sales.

13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of the Town Dump.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred and forty dollars (\$440.00) for the operation and maintenance of the Fire Department.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred and thirty-five dollars (\$435.00) for new equipment for the Fire Department.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars

(\$150.00) for the installation and operation of a red-network fire alarm system.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) for a two-way radio for the fire truck.

18. To see if (because of new and expanding industries, the jet bomber base, increasing population) the Town will join with other towns in the area instructing its representatives to the General Court to call for a state water pollution commission study program within the Piscataqua River Basin.

19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

20. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under out hands and seal, this 12th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

GEORGE A. BENNETT,  
ROBERT L. KENISTON,  
R. CARL SANDERS,

Selectmen of Lee.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

GEORGE A. BENNETT,  
ROBERT L. KENISTON,  
R. CARL SANDERS,

Selectmen of Lee.





## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE ENSUING  
YEAR JANUARY 1, 1955 TO DECEMBER 31, 1955. COMPARED WITH

Sources of Revenue	Esti- mated Revenue Previous Year 1954	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1954	Esti- mated Revenue Ensuing Year 1955
FROM STATE:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 710.00	\$ 889.64	\$ 800.00
Railroad Tax	.22	.21	.20
Savings Bank Tax	68.00	41.48	40.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	500.00		500.00
For Fighting Forest Fires		126.44	
Blister Rust		1.00	
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance Class V	486.49	486.49	486.49
FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:			
Dog Licenses	250.00	304.95	300.00
Filing Fees		13.00	
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits		76.06	
(b) Lee School District		33.11	
U. S. Naval Base		4.00	
Lee Library		14.91	
Eastern States, refund		.15	
Andrew McAlpine, Fire		100.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,500.00	2,788.25	2,700.00
Sale of Town Property Lumber		628.90	
CASH SURPLUS		3,564.57	
FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES:			
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2	475.00	458.00	490.00
(b) National Bank Stock Taxes	10.00	10.00	10.00
Yield Taxes		441.90	
Head Taxes		1,453.50	
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 4,999.71	\$11,691.51	\$ 5,326.69
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES			\$14,627.84
TOTAL REVENUES			\$19,954.53

## LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUE, APPROPRIATIONS AND  
EXPENDITURES OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR JANUARY 1, 1954 to  
DECEMBER 31, 1954.

Purposes of Expenditures	Appropriations Previous Year 1954	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1954	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1955
<b>CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:</b>			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,124.50	\$ 1,200.00
Town Officers' Expenses	500.00	545.81	500.00
Election and Registration Expenses	200.00	338.75	200.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	300.00	33.00	300.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	20.00	20.00	20.00
Fire Department	1,100.00	1,198.08	1,400.00
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust and Care of Trees	400.00	400.00	400.00
Insurance	110.00	99.80	
Bounties		5.00	
Health:	10.00	10.00	10.00
Vital Statistics		16.75	
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	400.00	529.15	500.00
Highways and Bridges: — Bridge			1,000.00
Town Maintenance—Summer	3,500.00	4,005.94	3,500.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	3,000.00	2,441.04	3,000.00
Hurricane		4,876.37	
General Expenses of Highway Department	500.00	405.61	500.00
Town Road Aid	453.84	453.84	454.53
Libraries	300.00	314.91	300.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	1,000.00	895.76	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	1,200.00	974.80	1,200.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	15.00	16.50	15.00
Unclassified:	400.00	636.84	400.00
Damages and Legal Expenses, Including			
Dog Damage		445.14	
Advertising and Regional Associations	55.00	55.00	55.00
Taxes Bought by Town		51.99	
Highways and Bridges:			
State Aid Construction—Town's Share	1,000.00		1,500.00
New Equipment	1,600.00	1,461.94	
<b>PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS:</b>			
Yield Tax		135.72	
Head Taxes		1,383.19	
County Taxes	2,135.30	2,135.30	2,500.00
School Taxes	27,603.10	25,930.78	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$47,352.24</b>	<b>\$50,941.51</b>	<b>\$19,954.53</b>

## FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

### ASSETS

Cash:	
In hands of treasurer	\$20,700.71
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1953	27.97
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1954, property, poll and yield	4070.81
Levy of 1953, yield taxes and poll taxes	467.66
State head taxes, levy of 1954	240.00
State head taxes, previous years	15.00
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Total assets	\$25,522.15

### LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by town:	
Lee Hook road	\$ 6,000.00
Road signs	100.00
Reserve a-c future yield tax loss	914.48
Due to State:	
State head taxes—1954, uncollected	240.00
Due to school districts (balance of appropriation)	14,703.10
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Total liabilities	\$21,957.58
Excess of assets over liabilities	3,564.57
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Grand total	\$25,522.15

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

For the Year Ending December 31, 1954

*Receipts*

Current Revenue:

From local taxes:

Property taxes, current year

1954 \$34,972.47

Poll taxes, current year, reg-

ular at \$2, 1954 406.00

National bank stock taxes,

1954 10.00

State head taxes at \$5, 1954 1,275.00

Total current year's taxes collected and  
remitted \$36,663.47Property taxes and yield taxes, previous  
years 3,026.54

Poll taxes, previous years at \$2 52.00

State head taxes at \$5, previous years 160.00

Interest received on taxes 76.06

Penalties on state head taxes 18.50

Tax sales redeemed and advertising costs 127.96

For Class V highway maintenance 486.49

Interest and dividends tax 889.64

Railroad tax .21

Savings bank tax and building and loan  
association tax 41.48

Fighting forest fires 126.44

Reimbursement a-c old age assistance 254.95

From local sources, except taxes:

Dog licenses 304.95

Business licenses, permits and filing fees 13.00

Registration of motor vehicles, 1953 per-  
mits 29.25Registration of motor vehicles, 1954 per-  
mits 2,759.00

## Receipts other than current revenue:

Refunds, blister rust, Eastern States	\$ 1.15
Oliver Kennard, lumber	628.90
Lee school district, printing reports	33.11
U. S. Naval Base, combined charities	4.00
Lee Library, balance appropriation	14.91
Andrew McAlpine plains fire	100.00
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Total receipts other than current revenue	\$ 782.07
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Total receipts from all sources	\$45,812.01
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1954	25,830.21
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Grand total	\$71,642.22

*Payments*

## Current Maintenance Expense:

Town officers' salaries	\$ 1,124.50
Town officers' expenses	545.81
Election and registration expenses	338.75
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	33.00
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police department	20.00
Fire department, including forest fires	1,198.08
Moth extermination, blister rust and care of trees	400.00
Bounties	5.00
Damage by dogs	70.14
Insurance	99.80

## Health:

Health department	10.00
Vital statistics	16.75
Town dumps and garbage removal	529.15

## Highways and Bridges:

Town road aid	453.84
Town maintenance, summer \$4,005.95; winter \$2,441.04	6,446.98
Hurricane	4,876.37
General expenses of highway department	405.61

## Libraries:

Libraries	314.91
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## Public Welfare:

Old age assistance	974.80
Town poor	895.76

## Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day and Veterans' associations	16.50
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## Unclassified

Damages and legal expenses	375.00
Advertising and regional as- sociations	55.00
Taxes bought by town	51.99
Refund to state a-c yield taxes	135.72

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 \$ 20,030.30
Outlay for New Construction, Equip-  
ment and Permanent Improvements:

New equipment	1,461.94
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## Payments to Other Governmental

## Divisions:

State head taxes paid to state treasurer (1954 taxes \$1,048.50) (prior years \$334.69)	\$ 1,383.19
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Taxes paid to county	2,135.30
Payments to school districts (1953 tax 13,030.78) (1954 tax 12,900.00)	25,930.78
Total payments to other governmental divisions	29,449.27
Total payments for all purposes	\$50,941.51
Cash on hand December 31, 1954	20,700.71
Grand total	\$71,642.22

### CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date January 29, 1955.

GEORGE A. BENNETT,  
R. L. KENISTON,  
R. CARL SANDERS,

Selectmen.

FLORENCE F. CALDWELL,  
Treasurer.

### SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, lands and buildings	\$ 3,500.00
Furniture and equipment	25.00
Libraries, land and buildings	500.00
Fire department, lands and buildings	3,500.00
Equipment	3,000.00
Highway department, lands and buildings	7,500.00
Schools, lands and buildings -	4,000.00
Equipment	1,500.00



All lands and buildings acquired through tax collector's deeds	3,641.00
Total	<hr/> 27,166.00

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Land and buildings	\$519,550.00
Electric plants	58,194.00
Horses	1,800.00
Cows	24,505.00
Other neat stock	2,000.00
Sheep and goats	1,500.00
Fowls	9,135.00
Vehicles	3,000.00
Portable Mills	3,500.00
Wood, lumber, etc.	19,146.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks	1,430.00
Stock in trade	5,485.00
Mills and machinery	6,800.00
Total gross valuation before exemptions allowed	<hr/> \$656,045.00
Less soldiers' exemptions	36,050.00
Net valuation on which tax rate is com- puted	<hr/> \$619,995.00
Tax rate \$100.00 — \$6.20.	
Property taxes	\$38,193.00
Poll taxes	484.00
National bank stock taxes	10.00
	<hr/> \$38,687.00

Yield taxes	745.28
Head taxes	1,530.00

## APPROPRIATIONS

General expenses	\$3,405.00
Fire department	200.00
Lee Volunteer Fire Department	900.00
Blister rust	400.00
Town dump	400.00
State aid construction	1,000.00
Town road aid	453.84
Town maintenance	3,500.00
Snow removal	3,000.00
General expenses of highway department	500.00
Old age assistance and relief	2,200.00
Seacoast Regional	55.00
County tax	2,135.30
School tax	27,603.10
New equipment	1,600.00

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Total town and school appropriations \$47,352.24  
 Less estimated revenues and credits:

Interest and dividends tax	\$ 889.64
Railroad tax	.22
Savings bank tax	41.48
Reimbursement a-c exemption	
of growing wood and timber	977.85
Motor vehicle fees	2,500.00
Dog licenses	250.00
Cash surplus	4,300.00

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Total revenues and credits \$ 8,959.19

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Plus overlay 293.95

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Net amount to be raised by taxation \$38,687.00

Less poll taxes, 242 at \$2	\$ 484.00	
Less national bank stock taxes	10.00	
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Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is figured	\$38,193.00
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*Taxes to Be Committed to Collector*

Property taxes	\$38,193.00
National bank stock taxes	10.00
Poll taxes	484.00
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	\$38,687.00
Yield taxes	745.28
Head taxes	1,530.00

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Selectmen	\$ 375.00
Town clerk, salary and auto permit fees	333.50
Tax collector	200.00
Treasurer	200.00
Auditors	16.00
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	\$ 1,124.50

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

N. H. Assessors' Association, dues, 1954-55	\$ 6.00
N. H. Tax Collectors' Association, dues	3.00
N. H. Town Clerks' Association, dues	2.00
Edson C. Eastman, supplies	26.25
Perkins & Prescott, officers' bonds	73.16
U. S. Truck Guide	7.00
Strafford National Bank, deposit box	3.00
Sargent Bros., tax bills	14.65

Officers attending meetings	69.50
Officers' expenses	341.25
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	\$ 545.81

## ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Ballot Clerks	\$ 96.00
Geo. J. Foster, ballots	7.00
Jeremiah Smith Grange election dinners	30.00
T. W. Turner, election dinners	19.00
Whitehouse Printing Co., checklists (100)	14.00
John M. Conlon, supervisor	48.00
Herman Randall, supervisor	48.00
George B. Hill, supervisor, 1953-54	60.00
George B. Hill, checklists	16.00
Annie B. Piper, expense ballots	.75
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	\$ 338.75

## TOWN HALL AND OTHER BUILDINGS

Arthur W. McDaniel, insurance	\$ 99.80
Ernest W. Menter, glass, setting glass	3.00
Ernest W. Menter, janitor	30.00
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	\$ 132.80

## POLICE

Gilman Menter, salary	\$ 20.00
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## BOUNTIES

Richard Monihan, bear bounty	\$ 5.00
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## FIRE PROTECTION

George A. Bennett, warden, meeting Rochester	\$ 14.30
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George A. Bennett, warden, plains fire	193.80
Town of Barrington, plains fire	84.28
State Forestry Department, tools	5.70
Lee Volunteer Fire Dept. appropriation	400.00
Lee Volunteer Fire Dept., reserve	500.00
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	\$ 1,198.08

## TOWN DUMP

Seavey Hardware Co., padlock and chain	\$ 10.75
H. B. Keniston, gravel	22.50
Ernest Menter, labor	474.90
Frank I. Caldwell, labor	21.00
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	\$ 529.15

## BLISTER RUST

State Forester	\$ 400.00
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## DAMAGE BY DOGS

Wheeler & Clark, dog tags	\$ 15.14
Gilman C. Menter, salary	25.00
Gilman C. Menter, killing stray dogs	30.00
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	\$ 70.14

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Gilman C. Menter, salary	\$ 10.00
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## VITAL STATISTICS

Annie B. Piper, town clerk	\$ 16.75
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## SUMMER MAINTENANCE

Herman B. Keniston	\$ 3,724.58
Hume Pipe Co., concrete pipe	179.10
James S. Pike	100.00
R. C. Hazelton Co., culvert collar	2.26
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	\$ 4,005.94

## WINTER MAINTENANCE

Herman B. Keniston	\$ 2,176.04
George Pritchard Co., salt	265.00
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	\$ 2,441.04

## HURRICANE

Herman B. Keniston	\$ 3,425.72
R. C. Hazelton Co., culvert	264.06
Hume Pipe Co., culverts	1,186.59
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	\$ 4,876.37

GENERAL EXPENSES OF HIGHWAY  
DEPARTMENT

Melvin Crouse, gas	\$ 5.99
Gibbs Bros., gas	90.58
R. C. Hazelton Co., blades, shoes, labor	229.29
James B. Walker, garage rent	60.00
Eastern States, paint	5.75
Ernest W. Menter, painting machine	14.00
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	\$ 405.61

## LIBRARY

Appropriation and balance	\$ 314.91
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## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Town's share, 25 per cent payments for year	\$	974.80
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## TOWN POOR

Direct relief, medical and supplies	\$	895.76
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## MEMORIAL DAY

Dover Veterans' Council, flags	\$	16.50
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## ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Seacoast Region	\$	55.00
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## TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN

Taxes bought by town	\$	51.99
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## TOWN CONSTRUCTION

State of New Hampshire, T. R. A.	\$	453.84
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## UNCLASSIFIED

State treasurer, balance yield tax	\$	135.72
George J. Foster Co., reports		204.50
Anna M. Dube, transfer cards		20.70
Anna M. Dube, Coll. deed		2.03
Ethel G. Waldron, real estate record		.30
Inez E. Bennett, 3% head tax, 1953-54		42.90
Ernest Menter, lanterns and kerosene		177.52
Director Internal Revenue, tax		188.89
	\$	772.56

## DAMAGES AND LEGAL EXPENSES

Walter Welch, lumber	\$	300.00
Burns, Calderwood, lawyers		75.00
	\$	375.00

## NEW EQUIPMENT

R. C. Hazelton Co., snow plow and wing	\$ 1,461.94
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## COUNTY TAX

Leo Cormier, county treasurer, tax	\$ 2,135.30
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## HEAD TAX

State of New Hampshire	\$ 1,383.19
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## SCHOOL DISTRICT

School appropriation	\$25,930.78
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SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Town officers' salaries	\$ 1,124.50
Town officers' expenses	545.81
Election and registration	338.75
Town hall and other buildings	132.80
Police	20.00
Bounties	5.00
Fire protection	1,198.08
Town dump	529.15
Blister rust	400.00
Damage by dogs	70.14
Health department	10.00
Vital statistics	16.75
Summer maintenance	4,005.94
Winter maintenance	2,441.04
Hurricane	4,876.37
General expenses of highway department	405.61
Library	314.91
Old age assistance	974.80
Town poor	895.76



Memorial Day	16.50
Advertising and Regional Associations	55.00
Taxes bought by town	51.99
Town construction	453.84
Unclassified	772.56
Damages and legal expenses	375.00
New Equipment	1,461.94
County tax	2,135.30
Head tax	1,383.19
School district	25,930.78
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	\$50,941.51

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 1954	\$25,830.21
Received from town clerk:	
Auto tax, 1953	29.25
Auto tax, 1954	2,759.00
Dog licenses	304.95
Filing fees	13.00
Department of Public Welfare:	
Recovery old age assistance	254.95
State Forestry:	
Reimbursement, forest fires	126.44
Oliver Kennard, town lumber	628.90
Eastern States, refund	.15
Lee school district, printing reports	33.11
Andrew McAlpine, plains fire	100.00
State treasurer:	
Class V	486.49
Interest and dividends	889.64
Savings bank tax	41.48

Railroad tax	.21
Blister rust refund	1.00
U. S. Naval Base, combined charities	4.00
Library appropriation balance	14.91
Tax collector:	
Property taxes, 1954	34,972.47
Poll taxes, 1954	406.00
National bank stock	10.00
Interest, 1953	76.06
Advertising costs	28.22
Yield taxes, 1953	441.90
Property taxes, 1953	2,584.64
Poll taxes, 1953	52.00
Redemptions, tax, costs and interest	99.74
Head taxes and penalties, 1954	1,277.50
Head tax penalties, 1953	170.50
Head taxes and penalties, 1952	5.50
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	\$71,642.22

## EXPENDITURES

Paid orders of selectmen	\$50,941.51
Cash on hand January 1, 1955	20,700.71
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	\$71,642.22

FLORENCE F. CALDWELL,  
Treasurer.

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Received for 1953 auto permits	\$ 29.25
Received for 1954 auto permits	2,759.00
Received for dog licenses	329.35

Received for filing fees	13.00
Total	<u>\$ 3,130.60</u>
Less fees for dog licenses	24.40
	<u>\$ 3,106.20</u>
Paid treasurer for auto permits	\$ 2,788.25
Paid treasurer for dog licenses	304.95
Paid treasurer for filing fees	13.00
Total	<u>\$ 3,106.20</u>

ANNIE B. PIPER,  
Town Clerk.

Dec. 31, 1954.

## TAX COLLECTOR'S WARRANT

### SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

LEVY OF 1954

Dr.

Taxes committed to collector:

Property taxes	\$38,193.00
Poll taxes	484.00
National bank stock taxes	10.00

Total warrant	<u>\$38,687.00</u>
Yield taxes	745.28
Added taxes:	
Property taxes	93.00
Poll taxes	6.00

Adv., sales costs, mortgagee notices	28.22
Total debits	<u>\$39,559.50</u>
Cr.	
Remittances to treasurer:	
Property taxes	\$34,972.47
Poll taxes	406.00
National bank stock taxes	10.00
Adv., sales costs, mortgagee notices	28.22
Abatements	72.00
Uncollected taxes as per collector's list:	
Property taxes	\$ 3,251.53
Poll taxes	74.00
Yield taxes	745.28
Total credits	<u>\$39,559.50</u>

## LEVY OF 1953

Dr.	
Uncollected taxes as of Jan. 1, 1954:	
Property taxes	\$ 2,584.64
Poll taxes	60.00
Yield taxes	905.56
	<u>\$ 3,550.20</u>
Interest Collected During Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31, 1954	76.06
	<u>\$ 3,626.26</u>

Cr.	
Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year ended Dec. 31, 1954:	
Property taxes	\$ 2,584.64
Poll taxes	52.00
Yield taxes	441.90

Interest collected during year	76.06
Abatements made during year	4.00
Uncollected taxes as per collector's list	
Poll taxes	4.00
Yield taxes	463.66
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	\$ 3,626.26

## LEVY 1952

Uncollected poll tax	\$ 2.00
Abatement made during year	2.00

## STATE HEAD TAX, LEVY OF 1954

## Dr.

## State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:

Original warrant	\$ 1,530.00
Added taxes	5.00
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Total commitment	\$ 1,535.00
Penalties collected	2.50
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Total debits	\$ 1,537.50

## Cr.

## Remittances to Treasurer:

Head taxes	\$ 1,275.00
Penalties	2.50
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	\$ 1,277.50
Abatements	20.00
Uncollected head taxes as per collector's list	240.00
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Total credits	\$ 1,537.50

## LEVY OF 1953

## Dr.

Uncollected taxes as of Jan. 1, 1954	\$ 185.00
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Penalties collected during 1954	15.50
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	<u>\$ 200.50</u>
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Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer during 1954:

Head taxes	\$ 155.00
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Penalties	15.50
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Abatements during 1954	15.00
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Uncollected head taxes as per collector's list	15.00
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Total credits	<u>\$ 200.50</u>
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LEVY OF 1952

Uncollected taxes as of Jan. 1, 1954	\$ 5.00
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Penalty collected during 1954	.50
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	<u>\$ 5.50</u>
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Remittance to Treasurer during 1954:

Head tax	\$ 5.00
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Penalty	.50
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Total	<u>\$ 5.50</u>
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## SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

As of December 31, 1954

Dr.

Tax sale on account of levies of

1953	1952	1951
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Taxes sold to town

during current

fiscal year

\$ 51.99

Balance of unredeemed

taxes Jan. 1, 1954

\$ 96.26 \$ 10.94

Interest collected after sale

4.93

Redemption costs

1.40

Total debits

<u>\$ 53.39</u>	<u>\$101.19</u>	<u>\$ 10.94</u>
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## Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer			
during year	\$ 12.88	\$ 88.26	
Deeded to town during year	12.54	12.93	\$ 10.94
Unredeemed taxes at close			
of year	27.97		
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Total credits	\$ 53.39	\$101.19	\$ 10.94

## UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES

On Account of Levies of:

	1953
Archambeault, Philias (heirs of)	\$ 15.43
Haley, Byron	12.54
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	\$ 27.97

The foregoing is a correct list of all money paid treasurer during the fiscal year of 1954 to the best of my knowledge and belief.

INEZ E. BENNETT,  
Tax Collector.

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## REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

Herman B. Keniston

Received from town		\$ 6,446.98
Maintenance	\$ 3,542.34	
Sanding	238.66	
Snow fence	420.40	
Snow removal	1,781.98	
Bushes	76.00	
Culverts	387.60	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,446.98
Hurricane		\$ 4,876.37

## REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Cash on hand January 1, 1954	\$ 14.91
Appropriation	300.00
Strafford Savings Bank	20.39

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\$ 335.30

### *Expenditures*

N. H. Library Association, dues	\$ 5.00
Whiting Stationery Company, books	54.90
Arthur T. White, magazines	36.00
Look magazine	3.00
Literary Guild, books	24.00
Doubleday, Inc., Dollar Book Club, books	12.00
Sears Readers Club, books	19.57
Best-in-Books, books	9.90
Reader's Digest Book Club, books	8.00
Mary E. George, librarian	50.00
Ernest W. Menter, janitor	25.00

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\$ 247.37

Cash on hand January 1, 1955	67.54
Strafford Savings Bank	20.39

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\$ 335.30

### NEW BOOKS FOR LIBRARY—1954

Rain on the Road	Esther Forbes
Another Man's Life	Matthew Head
Crimson Is the Eastern Shore	Don Tracy
New Haven, New Earth	Arthemise Goertz
Bleak House	Charles Dickens
Storm Haven	Frank G. Slaughter
Reader's Digest Condensed	
The Bowl of Brass	Paul Wellman
Desperate Hours	Joseph Hayes



The Imposter	Noel B. Gerson
A Sunset Touch	Howard Spring
Lucinda Married the Doctor	Elizabeth Serfert
Bless This House	Nora Lofts
The Little Ark	Jan De Hartog
Away All Boats	Kenneth Dodson
The Southerners	Edna Lee
A Place to Stand	Ann Bridge
Gipsy in the Parlour	Margery Sharp
My Dearest Love	Emile Loring
The Dawning of the Day	Elizabeth Ogilvie
The Man Who Never Was	Ewen Montagu
A Fair Wind Home	Ruth Moore
Out of Eden	Victoria Lincoln
Face to Face	Jeanne E. Wylie
Never Victorious, Never Defeated	Taylor Caldwell
I Led Three Lives	Herbert Philbrick
Adrift	Sara Bassett
With Kitchen Privileges	Louise Kent
Kon Tiki	Thor Haverdahl
The Song of Ruth	Frank L. Slaughter
Many Are the Travelers	William Maloney
The Chip on Gramma's Shoulder	Robert Leavett
Time to Live and Time to Die	Erich Remarque
Nothing Is Dripping On Us	Eva Knox Witte
The Corioli Affair	Mary Deasy
Fire and the Hammer	Shirley Barker
The Case of the Golddigger's Purse	Earl Gardner
War and Peace	Leo Tolstoy
Sir Rogue	Leslie T. White
Daphne De Maurier	Mary Ann
The Conquest of Don Pedro	Harvey Fergusson
The Spider King	Laurence Schoolaver
The Royal Box	Frances P. Keyes
Mr. Hobb's Vacation	Edward Streeter

Love Is Eternal	Irving Stone
Star in the Rigging	Garland Roark
Spring Selections, 1954	Reader's Digest
Unto a Good Land	Vilhelm Moberg
Sayanara	James A. Michener
The Virgin Huntress	Elizabeth S. Holding
Funerals Are Fatal	Agatha Christie
The Hongkong Murders	Van Wyck Mason
Mid Watch	Edward Ellberg
Katherine	Anya Seton
Annapurna	Maurice Herzog
China Coaster	Don Smith
Murder in the Gun Room	H. Bean Piper
Hang Man's Harvest	M. E. Chaber
Invisible Red	Maude Parker
Tyrone of Kentucky	Clark McMeeken
Wives and Lovers	Margaret Millar
Lights Across the Delaware	David Taylor
The View from Pompey's Head	Hamilton Basso
The Magicians	Priestly
Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte
Best in Books	
Reader's Digest	
Love Is a Bridge	Charles B. Flood
Maughn Himself	Somerset Maughn
The Lady of Arlington	Hartnett T. Kane

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## FOREST FIRE PREVENTION IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Carelessness is responsible for 97 percent of all our forest fires. This is a serious indictment of our interest in our own welfare and that of our neighbors. In too many instances this carelessness results in the

destruction, not of the careless one's own property, but of someone not even known to him.

Thoughtlessly thrown lighted cigars, cigarettes and matches from moving vehicles, by hikers, hunters and fishermen; the careless burning of debris during hazardous periods, high winds or in dangerous locations; improperly extinguished camp or cook fires—all add up to the carelessness that means serious loss of property, disruption of industry and farm work and unnecessary expenditures of town and state funds.

It points to the need of eliminating carelessness so far as it concerns fire from our daily life. The rules are simple — your cooperation is earnestly solicited.

1. Be careful with fire in or near woodlands.
2. Be sure that all lighter material — cigars, cigarettes and matches — is completely out before discarding it. Use ash trays in autos.
3. Secure the required written permission to burn from your local forest fire warden when the ground is not completely covered with snow.
4. Insist that others be careful and comply with burning requirements.
5. Call the warden promptly when fire is detected and aid him to extinguish it.

Let's remember that forest fire prevention is everybody's business and our most important undertaking!

#### 1954 Fire Record for Our Town

Number of fires	1
Acreage burned	40
Number of fire permits issued	24

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. BENNETT,

Forest Fire Warden.

ROBERT W. SMITH,

District Fire Chief.

Date of Creation	PURPOSE OF CREATION TRUST FUNDS	HOW INVESTED	Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Bal. End Year	Bal. Beg. Year	Income Durin. Yr. Fe. Amt.	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
1910	Old Parish Cemetery ....	Cemetery	489.06		415.47	144.06	3	88.00	70.47
1914	Thomas M. Thompson ...	Cemetery	191.53		188.31	91.53	3	5.78	88.91
1916	Irving Chesley .....	Cemetery	729.90		719.94	429.90	3	22.04	419.94
1915	Thomas J. Davis .....	Cemetery	460.79		474.70	310.79	3	13.91	324.70
1929	Charles B. Egerly ....	Cemetery	135.06		136.15	35.06	3	3.00	36.15
1930	Benjamin F. Lang .....	Cemetery	331.78		331.79	331.78	3	10.01	141.79
1931	Charles H. Lane .....	Cemetery	284.21		284.79	24.21	3	8.58	94.79
1945	Nehemiah Snell .....	Cemetery	225.24		225.04	25.24	3	6.80	25.04
1944	Carrie G. Hill .....	Cemetery	1,896.00		1,936.82	380.95	3	56.82	436.82
1944	Carrie G. Hill .....	Cemetery	1,898.95		1,859.02	308.95	3	50.07	359.02
1944	Carrie G. Hill .....	Cemetery	1,874.19		1,930.83	374.19	3	56.64	430.83
1944	Carrie G. Hill .....	Cemetery	562.66		577.97	162.18	3	42.31	177.49
1945	Carrie G. Hill .....	Cemetery	1,000.00		1,000.00	25.00	2 1/2	25.00	25.00
1948	Town of Lee School Fund	Cemetery	3,199.46		3,294.89	199.46	3	95.43	294.89
1950	George W. Wiggin .....	Cemetery	635.64		615.85	35.64	3	19.21	39.00
1950	Albert Comings .....	Cemetery	114.83		114.83	6.32	3	3.51	5.00
1951	John L. Randall .....	Cemetery	211.73		218.11	11.73	3	6.38	18.11
1951	Cardland Family .....	Cemetery	518.58		511.24	18.58	3	15.66	23.00
1952	Timothy Davis Lot .....	Cemetery	102.02		100.10	2.02	3	3.08	5.00
1929	B. F. Davis .....	Cemetery	544.36		541.80	44.36	3	16.44	19.00
1936	Alphonse Jones .....	Cemetery	251.86		249.46	51.86	3	7.60	10.00
1954	Arthur M. Fennold .....	Cemetery	500.00	500.00	500.00	10.72	3	3.33	6.00
1950	Burnham Buzzell .....	Cemetery	110.72		108.05	21.43	3	6.68	6.00
1949	Sarah Bell Tuttle .....	Cemetery	221.43		222.11	21.43	3	3.32	7.00
1949	William J. Phair .....	Cemetery	110.01		106.33	10.01	3	3.32	4.00
1949	Albert L. Comings .....	Cemetery	109.06		108.35	9.06	3	3.29	4.00
1949	Charles A. Woodman .....	Cemetery	240.46		238.72	40.46	3	7.26	9.00
1949	Helen T. Wiggin .....	Cemetery	131.12		130.09	31.12	3	3.97	5.00
1949	Carrie C. Weedon and Bertha M. Comings .....	Cemetery	219.51		205.13	19.51	3	6.62	21.00
1949	Frank C. Ryan .....	Cemetery	108.40		101.67	8.40	3	3.27	10.00
1949	Nellie J. Tuttle .....	Cemetery	55.24		51.91	5.24	3	1.67	5.00
1949	David Mitchell .....	Cemetery	63.90		61.81	13.90	3	1.91	4.00
1949	Charles Dustin .....	Cemetery	111.02		103.37	11.02	3	3.35	11.00
1949	Samuel Lane .....	Cemetery	115.90		115.90	19.29	3	3.61	7.00
1949	Lee Cemetery Assoc. ....	Cemetery	1,641.00		1,645.10	41.00	3	49.60	45.50
1951	Alfred C. Dargin .....	Cemetery	208.20		209.48	8.20	3	6.29	5.00
1951	Bertha E. Hanson .....	Cemetery	207.23		207.49	7.23	3	6.26	6.00
1952	Jonathan Thompson .....	Cemetery	102.99		103.08	2.99	3	3.09	3.00
			\$19,312.92	\$500.00	\$19,955.71	\$3,082.44		\$579.29	\$454.50
									\$3,225.23

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date Jan. 27, 1955.

FRANK I. CALDWELL,  
GEORGE A. BENNETT,  
WALTER W. PLUMMER,

Trustees

LEE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
Financial Report for 1954  
*Operation and Maintenance Fund*

## Receipts:

Balance, Jan. 1, 1954	\$ 311.82
Received from town	400.00

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Total	\$ 711.82
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## Expenses:

Stamps and stationery	\$ 19.10
Care of truck	25.00
Operation and repairs	77.64
Heat	75.20
Electricity	22.30
Insurance	94.60
New equipment	341.43
Miscellaneous	3.69

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Total	\$ 658.96
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Balance in this fund Dec. 31, 1954	\$ 52.84
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*Equipment Reserve Fund*

## Receipts:

Balance Jan. 1, 1954	\$ 1,996.69
Interest	7.57
Received from town	500.00
Donations	555.10
Sale of truck	100.00
Transfer from operating fund	151.24
Transfer from membership fund	94.27

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Total	\$ 2,412.87
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## Expenses:

Trucks and new equipment	2,412.87
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Balance in this fund Dec. 31, 1954	000.00
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*Membership Fund*

## Receipts:

Balance Jan. 1, 1954	\$	190.51
Dues		78.00
Chicken shoot		22.80
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Total	\$	291.31
Expenses		221.39
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Balance in this fund Dec. 31, 1954	\$	69.92
FREDERICK CUNNINGHAM, JR.,		
Treasurer.		

We have examined the above and found it to be correct.

JOHN L. RANDALL, JR.,  
MARY B. CARPENTER,  
Auditors of Lee.

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## LEE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

During 1954, the Fire Department responded to: 8 alarms, 5 permitted fires, and 1 well and 3 cellars were pumped out.

Considerable work has been done on two trucks that are new to the L. F. D. Lack of finances has held up finishing and completing the latest addition.

Total damage by fire in Lee during 1954 was about \$7,000.

Everyone in town is welcome to belong to the department. Dues are \$2.00 a year; \$1.00 for insurance, and \$1.00 for refreshments that are served at most meetings. The regular monthly meeting is held at the

fire house on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 P. M.

Department officers for 1955 are:

Chief: Lloyd Stevens, Newmarket, Tel. 56-2.

Deputies: William Fickett, Newmarket, 327-3;  
Roger Jennison, Dover, 1654-21.

Secretary-Treasurer: Ty Cunningham, Newmarket, 61-22.

Directors. Ralph Granger, Newmarket, 328-4; Roland Cathcart, Newmarket, 54-23; Sam Taylor, Newmarket, 365-13.

Until further notice, in case of fire, call Newmarket 56 Ring 2 or the Newmarket Operator, stating exact location of fire. With the coming of the dial system, a card will be printed and sent to every house with the changes made at that time.

You are welcome to visit the fire house anytime to see for yourself what has been accomplished. Many thanks to all who have contributed money or labor or both to make us a better Fire Department.

LLOYD STEVENS,  
Chief.

#### BUDGET FOR 1955

##### Operation and maintenance:

Operation and repairs	\$	150.00
Heat		125.00
Electricity		25.00
Insurance		140.00
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Total	\$	440.00
New equipment		435.00
Red network		150.00
Two-way radio		175.00



## AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Agent, Trustees of the Trust Funds, Library Trustees, Town Clerk and Treasurer of the Lee Volunteer Fire Department and find them correct.

JOHN L. RANDALL, JR.,  
 MARY B. CARPENTER,  
 Auditors.

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 YIELD TAXES

Reserve a-c future tax loss	\$ 914.48
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# ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SCHOOL BOARD, TREASURER

and

SUPERINTENDENT



for the

Year Ending June 30, 1954

# OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS AND STAFF

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Moderator

KENNETH S. MORROW

Clerk

ARTHUR P. STEWART

Treasurer

HENRY R. DAVIS

Auditors

ALBERT EVANS

JOHN WOLF

Superintendent of Schools

ARTHUR E. TOLL, Somersworth, N. H.

School Board Members

DR. EVERETT B. SACKETT, Chairman

DR. SAMUEL F. TAYLOR

EDWARD H. YOUNG

DR. FRED ALLEN

DAYTON HENSON

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

### Instructional Staff

John H. Day	Principal
Mrs. Dorothy G. Wilcox	Grades 7-8
Bernard Robinson	Grades 7-8
William Batchelder	Grades 7-8
Mrs. Gene Schultz	Grade 6
Harry J. Faucy	Grades 5-6
Mrs. Esther Herrick	Grade 5
Susan Chafee	Grade 4
Mrs. Harriett Cross	Grades 3-4
Mrs. Mary Sawyer	Grade 3
Lillian Lurvey	Grade 3
Mrs. Charlotte Clark	Grade 2
Mrs. Dorothea S. Thompson	Grade 2
Mrs. Opal Eggert	Grades 1-2
Mrs. Carol Caron	Grade 1
Marguerite Craig	Grade 1
Mrs. Doris H. Granger	Kindergarten
Mrs. Lillian Elwell	Music
Mrs. Ruth P. Hopkins	Nurse

This has been an extremely busy year for your School Board and School Administrators. Much progress has been made toward realizing our objectives of establishing an educationally sound and efficient school system at a minimum cost to the taxpayer. Your School Board has given an endless number of hours to this task of establishing the Co-operative School District. In many cases, there were no precedents to follow, no authorities to lean to, nor any established formulas to abide by. Because of the uncertainty of being able to begin new con-

struction, we have had to set up in reality a dual budget so as to allow for any eventuality. For the main part, it meant combining a budget that would allow us to send our secondary pupils and some elementary pupils to other districts on a tuition basis in case the new construction did not materialize, or being able to care for our own pupils entirely. This, of course, has meant setting up a budget which calls for greater estimated expenditures than if the board could follow one definite course with certainty. At the time of printing this report the uncertainty still is present.

This year the School Board wisely followed the course of caring for as many of our pupils in our own schools. By converting the shop into a Kindergarten area at the Oyster River Elementary school, and by making use of two one-room buildings at Lee we were able to care for all of the children from Kindergarten through Grade 8 from the towns of Durham, Lee, and some from Madbury. This course has saved the Cooperative School District much in tuition costs. The secondary pupils continue to go to other districts. Unless we can start new construction this Spring, however, we will be forced to send more elementary pupils to other districts on a tuition basis.

The following are some extracts from the School Reports of the Town of Lee which in many ways might be applied today:

1886—"The question of schools is the greatest question of the times, and one that vitally concerns us all. The town system of schools which was adopted by the last legislature seems to be misunderstood by many of our citizens. Its purpose is to equalize the educational advantages, as far as possible, of all the children in town. The fundamen-

tal principles of a democratic government are equality and union. The district system is anti-democratic. It gave to some children 36 weeks of school per year, to others only ten. By uniting all the districts of the town into one, and establishing schools in such localities as will best accommodate the scholars, only as many schools as their welfare demands, we should avoid many of the unpleasant circumstances which prevent the usefulness of many of the schools."

1887—"School matters during the past year have been in a state of chaos. New laws have been put in force, and what is known as the town system of schools adopted, instead of the old district system. The old district system was faulty and it has been done away with, and it is now our duty to find the faults in this system, and having found them, to do our utmost to correct them, and not condemn the whole system, because in some particular case, it works an injustice whereas the old system did injustice in hundreds of cases. The new schoolhouses which we were led to expect this year, have not been completed, although one is now being constructed, and we have no doubt will be ready for use during the next term."

1888—"Every parent and every voter should feel that the subject of common schools is one in which he or she has a personal interest. Progress is the watch-word of the day, and it will not do for us, while striving in other ways to advance the interests of the town, to let the cause of education go backward. We suggest that we make it a special point to let no spirit of revenge or anything which shall prove detrimental to the best interests of the cause get possession of our minds. Make the interest of

education the paramount one and all will be well."

1892—(It seems they also had some discipline problems) ". . . She became thoroughly interested in the school and worked hard for the interest and advancement of the scholars and would have attained perfect success, but unfortunately the same element came into the school that came near destroying the winter term last year. When parents and guardians allow their boys to go to school armed with revolvers, and the boys themselves, go with no higher ambition than to annoy the teacher and destroy the school property it is useless to expect the school to accomplish what it is designed to do, no matter who may be the teacher or school board."

The following statistical reports and the report of the school principal, Mr. John Day, describe in greater detail our aims and progress. We are very fortunate in having a very able staff of teachers and supervisors. Our school enjoys a top state-wide reputation and our teachers annually are requested to assume leadership in various educational areas.

I sincerely appreciate working with your School Board which has shown unusual interest in the development of our entire school program, and has made so many valuable contributions to insure its success.

Respectfully submitted,  
ARTHUR E. TOLL,  
Superintendent of Schools.

Pupils attending the Oyster River School at Durham (as of September, 1954):

Grade	Durham	Lee	Madbury	Total
K	49	3	1	53
1	50	0	0	50
2	50	1	2	53
3	48	1	0	49
4	32	0	1	33
5	29	11	0	40
6	38	13	0	51
7	49	4	3	56
8	22	10	1	33
Totals	367	43	8	418

Pupils attending the Lee Schools:

Town Hall School: Grade I, 13 students; Grade II, 15 students; Total 28

Lee Center School: Grade III, 18 students; Grade IV, 11 students; Total 29

Pupils from Oyster River Cooperative School District attending other schools on a tuition basis during 1954-55:

Grade	Dover	Exeter	Newmarket	Epping	Rochester
1	13		1		
2	10				
3	6		1		
4	5			1	
5	6			1	
6	9		1		
7	9		1	1	
8	7			1	
Total	—		—	—	
Elementary	65		4	4	
9	45	1	8		
10	25	7	3		1

	11	21	5	1	
	12	24	6		
Total		<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
High School	115	8	22	1	1
Tuition rates for 1954-55:					
Rochester					
Grades 7-12	.....\$247.00				
Dover					
Elementary	..... 178.69				
High School	..... 315.15				
Epping					
Elementary	..... 180.00				
High School	..... 240.00				
Newmarket					
Elementary	..... 180.00				
High School	..... 240.00				
Exeter					
High School	..... 240.00				
To the Superintendent, the Cooperative School Board and the Citizens of the Oyster River Co-operative School District:					

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## REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

It is my privilege and please to present this first report as principal of the newly created Oyster River Cooperative School District.

### ORGANIZATION and PERSONNEL

School opened in September of 1954 with the two schools in Lee combined with the school in Durham to create a single administrative unit. Fifty pupils from Lee are being transported to the school in



Durham and are enrolled in grades five through eight. Lee pupils in grades one through four are taught at the two schools operating in that town. Nine pupils from Madbury attend the Durham school. The total enrollment in Lee is 57 and in Durham there are 432 pupils, making a grand total of 491 pupils registered in the Oyster River School set-up. Grades 1 and 2 in Lee are housed in the Lee Town Hall and are ably taught by Mrs. Opal Eggert. Mrs. Eggert is new to the system. Grades 3 and 4 in Lee are taught by Mrs. Harriet Cross in one of the early Lee school houses. Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Eggert are to be commended for the fine job they are doing in buildings that provide a minimum of comfort and sanitation.

The school in Durham is in excellent condition and houses grades 1 through eight. In addition, a Kindergarten is maintained that does much to prepare little folks for a good start as first-graders. With the exception of the fourth, fifth and eighth-grades, all grades in Durham are double sections. Lack of space prevents the division of the two middle grades. It will be necessary to have all double grades next year. Under the expanded school program the first three grades will operate in triple sections.

Mrs. Carol Caren was engaged to teach first grade this year, replacing Mrs. Dorothea Thompson, who became a second-grade teacher. Mrs. Gene Schultz returned to teach sixth-grade after having been granted a year's leave of absence for European travel. New teachers added at the Junior High level are Mr. Bernard Robinson, who teaches Mathematics and Social Studies and directs the Physical Education program of the school, and Mr. William Batchelder, who teaches

Mathematics and General Science. Mr. Batchelder also acts as the Administrative Assistant.

*The Curriculum*

The teachers of the Oyster River Cooperative School District worked the past year with other teachers of Supervisory Union No. 56 in a study and reevaluation of the elementary school curriculum. Under the direction of Superintendent Arthur Toll, the teachers and administrators have formulated a set of minimum goals and standards for work in the first eight years of school. Secondary teachers worked on goals and standards for their level of teaching. Superintendent Toll has led the state in this field of endeavor and much good comment has come to him and the teachers involved.

The curriculum of the local school has been greatly strengthened by the long-awaited institution of the Physical Education program for boys in grades five through eight. Under the leadership of Mr. Robinson boys in those grades receive regular instruction in a purposeful physical education program. Intramural team sports are emphasized and interscholastic sports are being held to a minimum. In the future a well-developed program will be offered for the girls.

Music continues to play a big part in the lives of pupils in the school. Free instrumental instruction is offered during school time. Every pupil from grade four through eight is given the opportunity to learn to play an instrument. Instruments are purchased by the parent either through a rental plan or by outright purchase. The school owns some of the larger instruments.

The school maintains two bands, an orchestra, a Glee Club, a Chorus and a Choir of selected voices. More than two hundred pupils avail themselves of special-

ized musical training. The music program, under the direction of Mrs. Lillian Elwell, offers regular classroom instruction in vocal work and this year the first grades are in the process of developing a Rhythm Band.

The reading-readiness program which was started in our Kindergarten last spring has proved its worth. Those children who attended Kindergarten last year have shown that such a program bridges the gap between Kindergarten and first grade and provides for an easier introduction to the reading process.

Mrs. Schultz, sixth-grade teacher, is undertaking a program for the improvement of penmanship. Remarkable results are in evidence after but three weeks. Next year the project will be carried on in grades four and eight.

Beginning on February 5th, the Oyster River School is sponsoring a series of educational trips to Boston. Originally scheduled for four trips, the large number enrolling has made the programming of seven excursions necessary. More than two hundred students have made reservations for the series. The trips include attendance at the Boston Children's Theatre and visits to places of historical importance and the various Boston museums. The series are open to pupils of grades three through eight, including pupils in the Lee schools and Madbury children attending the Oyster River School.

#### *School Services*

The Oyster River School Health Program is under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Hopkins, who supervises this work in the two Lee schools also. Mrs. Hopkins is able to spend more time with us this year. Increasing numbers of pupils has made it necessary for the school to maintain her services for more time per week. In addition to routine checkups, Mrs. Hopkins conducts

hearing and sight tests each year. The school has found ways this year to provide glasses for those children who were unable to acquire them any other way. We are grateful for certain sororities for assisting in this worthwhile program.

The school lunch program has been expanded to include the two schools in Lee. Hot lunches are transported in thermal containers each day. Approximately 300 pupils benefit from the lunch program. Mrs. Helen Ringrose is the director of the lunch program and is ably assisted by Mrs. Pauline York, Mrs. Patricia Winn and Mrs. Lois Swan.

#### *Acknowledgments*

I take this opportunity to thank the superintendent, the Cooperative School Board, the citizens of the Cooperative District, the teachers of the three schools and the various organizations who contribute their time and interest, for making it a pleasurable experience to be your principal.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. DAY,  
Principal.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools, School Board, and Parents:

I herein submit a brief report of service rendered the towns of Durham and Lee from period beginning September, 1954, to January, 1955.

Defects found by School Nurse	Number of Cases	Number reported to Parent	Number seen by Physician
Teeth	112	112	27
Hearing	0	0	0
Vision	38	38	12
Gland infection	1	1	1
Eye infection	1	1	1
Scalp	9	9	9
Skin	2	2	2

*Communicable Diseases*

	Number of Cases
Measles	86
Pediculous	5
Chicken Pox	2
Mumps	1
Ringworm	2

*Tests, Inspections and Visits*

Vision tests	212
Hearing tests	223
Class-room inspection	9
Individual inspection	1175
Heights	521
Weights	521
First aid	36
Home visits	36
School visits	42

In closing I wish to thank the Superintendent of Schools, School Board, Teachers and Parents for their helpful cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH P. HOPKINS, R. N.

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LEE SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Year Beginning July 1, 1953, and  
Ending June 30, 1954

### *Receipts*

National school lunch	\$ 221.60
State aid	3,346.26
Town appropriation	20,267.73
Special appropriations	500.00
Balance of previous appropriations	3,263.05
Elementary school tuitions	165.00
Other	22.87
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	\$27,786.51
Cash on hand at beginning of year, July 1, 1953	248.68
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	\$28,035.19

### *Expenditures*

#### Administration :

Salaries of district officers	\$ 241.15
Superintendent's salary (local share)	253.52
Tax for state wide supervision	244.00
Salaries of other administrative personnel	9.00
Supplies and expenses	128.91

#### Instruction :

Teachers' salaries	5,725.23
Books and other instructional aids	279.96
Scholars' supplies	202.04
Supplies and other expenses	99.50

#### Operation of School Plant :

Salaries of janitors	478.70
Fuel and heat	531.25
Water, light, supplies and expenses	130.65

Maintenance of School Plant:	
Repairs and replacements	72.24
Auxiliary Activities:	
Health supervision	271.60
Transportation	4,625.00
Tuition	9,866.74
School lunch	975.65
Fixed Charges:	
Retirement	374.49
Insurance, treas. bonds and expenses	13.00
Capital Outlay:	
Payments into capital reserve fund	500.00
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	\$25,021.63
Cash on hand at end of year June 30, 1954	3,012.56
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	\$28,035.19

HELEN B. MacRAE,  
District Treasurer.

#### AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements, and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Lee, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, and find them correct in all respects.

AARON W. CHADBOURNE, JR.,  
GUY W. ANGELL,

Auditors.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1955-56

Union No. 56

Schools open Tuesday, Sept 6, 1955 (for teachers only)

Session Days:

Tuesday, Sept. 6 - Thursday, Dec. 22	.....	74 days
Monday, Jan. 2 - Friday, Feb. 17	.....	35 days
Monday, Feb. 27 - Friday, April 20	.....	39 days
Monday, April 30 - Friday, June 15	.....	34 days

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 182 days
*No School Days*

September 6 — Teacher Workshop.

October — Teacher Convention.

November 11 — Armistice Day.

November 24 and 25 — Thanksgiving holidays, one session on Wednesday, November 23.

March 30 — Good Friday.

May 30 — Memorial Day.



# Births Registered in the Town of Lee for the Year Ending December 31, 1954.

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of the Child (if any)	Sex	Living or Stillborn	No. of Child	Color	Name of Father	Mother of Maiden Name	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Jan. 30	Dover	David Stockbridge	M	L	2	W	Alexander F. Smith	Jean Burr	Lee, N. H.	Teacher	Springfield, Mass.	Liv'ire Falls, Me.
Mar. 4	Portsmouth	James Lafayette III	M	L	2	W	James L. Shaddox	Thayne L. Harris	Lee, N. H.	Tool, Die Maker	Mississippi	New Hampshire
Mar. 23	Exeter	Thomas William	M	L	3	W	George W. Plumer	Geneva M. Dexter	Lee, N. H.	Chief	Lee	Milton
Apr. 18	Exeter	Carol Jean	F	L	2	W	Everett E. Blake	Ethel B. Call	Lee, N. H.	Poultry Breeder	Augusta, Me.	Salem
Apr. 19	Rochester	Margaret Jane	F	L	5	W	Roland H. Cathcart	Pauline M. Laney	Lee, N. H.	Shaver	Farmington	Alton
May 17	Dover	Allan William	M	L	2	W	Wallace E. Dennis	Evelyn Clark	Lee, N. H.	Milkman	Hanover	Fairlee, Vt.
June 10	Exeter	David Arthur	M	L	2	W	Lloyd F. Stevens	Marion P. Deveneau	Lee, N. H.	Farmer	Haverhill, Mass.	Chicago, Ill.
June 16	Exeter	Brian Bennett	M	L	1	W	Vernon N. Reinhold	Norma A. Bennett	Lee, N. H.	Laborer	Beverly, Mass.	Topsfield, Mass.
June 25	Rochester	Jennifer Scott	F	L	2	W	David S. Dupce	Leslie I. Harris	Lee, N. H.	Game Warden	Quincy, Mass.	Pelham
July 5	Lancaster	Beth Frances	F	L	1	W	Howard R. Young	Judith E. Colby	Lee, N. H.	Draftsman	Haverhill, N. H.	Lunenburg, Vt.
July 17	Exeter	Lawrence Talbot	M	L	1	W	Christopher C. Cook	Julia S. Nichols	Lee, N. H.	Student	Boston, Mass.	Kenosha, Wis.
July 17	Exeter	Constance Lynn	F	L	2	W	James K. O'Loane	Barbara Gearhart	Lee, N. H.	Professor	Walla Walla, Wash.	Seattle, Wash.
Oct. 7	Exeter	Elizabeth	F	L	5	W	John E. Carroll	Constance B. Gagnon	Lee, N. H.	Shoe Worker	Revere, Mass.	Epping
Oct. 26	Kittery, Me.	Katherine Elizabeth	F	L	1	W	Charles D. Bennett	Christine M. LeClair	Lee, N. H.	U. S. N.	Lee	Enfield
Dec. 18	Exeter	Michael Wayne	M	L	6	W	Frank E. Hobbs	Mabel E. Letourneau	Lee, N. H.	Farmer	Lee	Epping

# Marriages Registered in the Town of Lee for the Year Ending December 31, 1954.

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Age in Years	Color	No. of Mar.	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Name Residence and Official Status of Person by Whom Married
June 5	Newmarket	Robert Lee Keniston, Jr. Faye Frances Carpenter	Lee Newmarket	21	W	1	Farmer	Exeter N. H.	Robert L. Keniston Emma L. Wilkie	Ernest A. McKenzie Newmarket Clergyman
Sept. 4	Newmarket	Rodney Gale Phalen Clara May Clark	Lee Newmarket	24	W	1	Horse Trainer	New Hampshire	Royce F. Carpenter Veda N. Boule James L. Phalen Mary A. Parks	Rev. Eugene Dumas Newmarket Priest
Sept. 4	Newmarket	Thomas Daniel Murphy Janet Lee Phalen	Exeter Lee	23	W	1	Inspector Painter	New Hampshire Mass.	George T. Clark Lily M. Boardman Thomas F. Murphy Eve M. Cooper	Rev. Eugene Dumas Newmarket Priest
Oct. 17	Stratham	Arthur Woodbury Bateman Marian Farrell Ham	Lee Newmarket	25	W	1	At Home Lumberman	New Hampshire New Hampshire	James L. Phalen Mary A. Parks Arthur Bateman Laura Woods Charles E. Ham Evelyn O. Farrell	Marion T. Brewster Stratham Justice of Peace

# Deaths Registered in the Town of Lee for the Year Ending December 31, 1954.

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Decedent	Age	Place of Birth	Sex	Color	Mar.	Single or Wid.	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 1	Exeter	L. Ivie Wilkie	75	Manchester	F	W	W	W	Own Home	Garniel Luce	Clarinda King
Feb. 10	Lee	Edward Lewis Price	81	Petitediak, Can.	M	W	M	M	Farmer	Nelson O. Price	Theresa Steeves
Feb. 20	Exeter	Bernadette Gagne	58	Black Lake, Can.	F	W	M	M	Housewife	Thomas Gagne	Clara Vachon
Feb. 23	Manchester	Andrew H. McDaniel	54	Barrington	M	W	M	M	Police Chief	Frank McDaniel	Ruth Small
Mar. 23	Lee	Janet Lee Laroche	3mos	Exeter	F	W	W	W		George Laroche	Rita Bateman
Apr. 8	Newton, Mass.	*Charles A. Welles	73		M	F					
Apr. 16	Lynn, Mass.	*Louise Way Davis	66	Lee	F	W	W	W	Housewife	Joseph James	Mary Fernald
Apr. 16	Lee	Mary Belle Garrity	80	Lee	F	W	W	W	Lawyer	Oscar F. Bartlett	Jennette P. Gould
May 6	Dover	David B. Bartlett	78	Manchester	M	W	W	W	Janitor	Thomas F. Davis	Frances Webster
June 3	Portsmouth	William Davis	69	Indiana	M	W	M	M	Farmer	Frank Bishop	Mary Randem
June 19	Dover	John Bishop	90	North Adams, Mass.	M	W	W	W	Postmaster	Not Ascertained	
June 30	Exeter	Gertude Estelle Haley	69	Providence, R. I.	F	W	M	M	Retired	Dr. Erskine Mason	Catharine M. Knox
July 19	Lee	Woodruff May Jr.	77	New York, N. Y.	M	W	W	W	Ret. School Teacher	George T. Wiggin	Mary Eva Noyes
Aug. 5	Montclair, N. J.	Elizabeth W. Crowell	86	Portsmouth	F	W	W	W			
Oct. 15	St. Petersburg, Fla.	*Lila Mae Leavitt	73		F	W	W	W			
Nov. 9	Hav'li, Mass.	*Myra D. Gould	88	Durham	F	W	W	W	Housewife	Unknown	Palmer
Dec. 20	Lee	Carolyn Palmer	88	Durham	F	W	W	W			

\* Brought here for burial.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
ANNIE B. PIPER, Town Clerk.









